

**SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

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EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Office of the Employment Advocate

Question Number: W266-06

Question:

Senator Marshall provided in writing:

Is the OEA aware of any industry associations charging employers a fee for processing/handling AWAs?

If so, please provide details of this practice.

Answer:

Yes.

Industry associations may charge for AWA-related services, either on a fee-for-service basis, or indirectly through membership fees.

Industry associations have no role in the approval of AWAs: this is the exclusive responsibility of the Employment Advocate.